IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ashwin Anil Gumaste et al.

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MAIL STOP: Amendments Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the electronically sent January 28, 2008, Applicants hereby elect without traverse to prosecute Embodiment 2 (Claims 1-12), subject to the following comments.